

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already stated, Sir, that a scheme, on the lines suggested by the members of the Assembly, had already been drawn up, and had been forwarded by the Government to the Financial Secretary for his views on the financial aspect of the scheme.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether there is any prospect of the scheme being finally disposed of?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It depends on the finances at the disposal of Government.

Grant of loans from the Land Mortgage Bank.

280. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): (1) With reference to the applications for loans from the Land Mortgage Bank, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total number of applications received up to date (25-8-1107) and also the total amount applied for, as distributed among the several taluks of the State?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state;

(a) how many of the applications are from Government officers as such and how many from agriculturists and the amounts applied for from these two classes, respectively;

(b) how many applications were rejected by the Board; and

(c) how many times the Board of Directors of the Bank met?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

	Rs.
(1) 120	1,92,883
Tovala	4
Trivandrum	9
Neduvangad	2
Pattanapuram	3
Changanachery	18
Kottayam	8
Kartikapalli	7
Ambalapuzha	9
Quilon	...
Pattanamtitta	11
Karunagapalli	7
Mavelikara	3
Todupuzha	...
Muvattupuzha	...
Tiruvalla	...
Minachil	11
Neyyattinkara	3
Chirayinkil	2
Vaikam	1
Kunnattur	2

(2) (a) There are no applications from Government officers as such.

The second part of the question does not arise in view of the answer to the first part.

(b) Eleven.

(c) Four.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether there is any order or circular prohibiting Government officers from applying for loans from the Bank?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): If the main occupation of any Government officer happens to be agriculture, and if his main income is from agriculture, he can apply for a loan. That is the rule.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the Government have fixed any standard for that purpose?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The rule is that, if an officer's income from agriculture is more than his salary from the Government, he can apply for the loan.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to part (2) (a), are the Government aware that officers have applied in the names of their wives or other relations?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Money is to be advanced only on the security of immovable property. So, the wives or other relations of the officers would get the loan only if they own immovable property.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the Government have issued any instructions to the Bank to the effect that, in considering the applications (for loans) of Government servants, their relative income from agriculture as well as from the Government must be taken into consideration?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The rules are clear on the point.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): So far, has any amount been disbursed as loan?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Is it due to the delay on the part of the Revenue Officers in sending up their reports?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Mostly. I think there are now about fifteen cases ready for action. There was some delay in the appointment of the Legal Adviser to the Bank.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether there is any understanding as to the distribution of the money available to the various taluks in the State?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No.